

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8 remain pending in this application. No claims have been canceled or added.

Priority

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of the claim for priority and safe receipt of the priority document.

Interview

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner and the Examiner's supervisor for conducting an interview with the undersigned and Applicants' representative on February 14, 2006. As stated in the Interview Summary, the proposed amendment presented at the interview appeared to overcome the prior art of record. The present amendment is based upon the proposed amendment presented at the interview.

35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to overcome the outstanding rejection under this section.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taroda et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,724,542) in view of Elek et al (U.S. Patent App. No. 2002/0188383). Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taroda et al in view of Elek et al as applied to claims 2-7, and further in view of Fisher et al (U.S. Patent NO. 4,290,007). These rejections are traversed as follows.

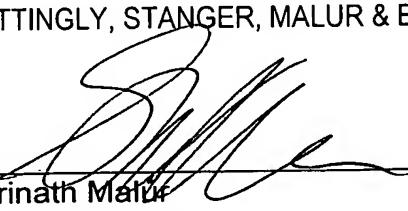
The present claims were presented at the interview and overcome the art of record. In particular, none of the cited references disclose any apparatus or method in which, when one power supply stops supplying power, other power supplies cause control units to conduct as recited in the claims. The Examiner is requested to consider all of the claim limitations in conducting further search and examination.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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